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FOR THE ALUMNI OF SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

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"Good Neighbors" Guests of College At Dinner, Game

Approximately 160 friends of St. Joseph's College from Rensselaer and other communities of Jasper County attended a Good Neighbor Banquet Dec. 9 at the college, where they heard brief talks by Representative Charles Halleck; the Most Rev. John G. Bennett, bishop of the Diocese of Lafayette; Dr. Frank Sparks, president of Wabash College; and the Very Rev. Raphael H. Gross, president of St. Joseph's.

The gathering, arranged as one step in better acquainting St. Joseph's neighbors with the work and ambitions of the college, was the first of its kind in the history of the school. Guests seemed greatly interested, and proud of the steady progress evident at St. Joseph's.

Bishop Bennett, an alumnus of the college, spoke of his early days here. He stressed the increasing importance of higher education in America if this nation is to combat the evil uses of education in communistic countries. Bishop Bennett also paid high tribute to the priests, brothers and sisters of the Society of the Precious Blood for the contributed services upon which St. Joseph's growth has depended entirely until the present time.

House Majority Leader Charles
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Leo Tonner Now Attorney at Law

Leo Tonner, '50, took the oath as an accredited attorney-at-law before the judge of the Indiana Supreme Court on Dec. 2. He had previously received word that he had passed the state bar examination.

Mr. Tonner, a son of Prof. and Mrs. Paul Tonner of Rensselaer, is an accountant graduate of St. Joseph's College and a graduate of Indiana University. He has accepted a position with the General Electric Company and is now residing in Syracuse, N. Y.

His father is professor of music at St. Joseph's.

Lincoln Piotrowski Receives New Honor

One of St. Joseph's past national alumni presidents, Lincoln Piotrowski, '43, has been elected to a directorship of the Fullerton Savings and Loan Association of Chicago.

Mr. Piotrowski, who is president of the North Aluminum Casting Company of 1830 N. Ashland Ave., plans to move his plant to a new foundry building in the spring. The building is now under construction on three acres at Barrington, Ill. The firm will maintain an office in downtown Chicago.

Always active in St. Joseph's alumni circles, Mr. Piotrowski is also a past president of the Cook County club and the donor of the Annual Homecoming Football Lincoln Trophy.

Among the many organizations in which he is active are the Chicago Association of Credit Men,
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Season's Greetings to All



. From All at St. Joseph's

The gladdest season of the year is upon us: the celebration of the birth of our Saviour. All the earth rejoices. And for us all, after a year of successes and sorrows, surely the joys of Christmas will be great. May each of us erect in our hearts a tree adorned with the white light of Faith, the evergreen of Hope and the red of Love. May each build a crib in his soul and let the Divine Saviour Christmas there always. In this way the New Year will be filled with the happiness of Christ for all of us.

Father Gross



PRE-CHRISTMAS PAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS take the form of a snow-man at St. Joseph's, as two Whiting boys demonstrate the honored North American art to four Latin American students, three of whom are seeing their first snow. Andrew A. Hanusin (kneeling), of 2112 Superior Ave., and Robert M. Conley (far right), of 2144 Superior Ave., Whiting, are supervising the sculpture for (left to right), Carlos and Ramon Torres of Cayey, Puerto Rico; Emil Caballero of Aguas Buenas, Puerto Rico; and Carlos J. Quijano of the Republic of Panama.—(Photo by Fr. Baird.)

Ex-Puma Stars Keep Varsity Hot For 85-68 Score

Showing a vast improvement over last year's attempt, a scrappy Alumni team kept the current Pumas hustling all the way for their 85-68 victory in the Collegeville fieldhouse on Nov. 21.

Closely contested for three quarters, the varsity squad managed to pull away safely only in the last period. Coached by George Byerwalter, '50, the alums used 14 of the veteran performers.

Tom Hoffman, ex-'51, was high scorer (with 17 points) for the Alumni, while Bernie Boff, of Defiance, Ohio, with 23, was high for the Pumas.

Others playing for the Alumni were: Joe Jansen, ex-'50; Don Tesmond, '50; William Taylor, '51; Ed Malone, '51; Robert Horky, '50; Gerald Garren, '51; Wally Moore, '50; Richard Collins, ex-'50; Boyd Reutebuch, '53; and Bill Krodell, '50.

The oldest participants were Neal Vanderkolk, '43, and Stan Wisneiski, '44, and the largest was Mike Kacmar, '52, who is 6-6 and now weighs in at 280 pounds.

Puma Coach Dick Scharf has expressed his appreciation for the enthusiasm shown, and is hoping these Alumni and others, too, will begin looking to next year. He plans to make this the annual season-opener on the Puma schedule.

James P. Kelley Killed in Crash

Lt. (j.g.) James P. Kelley, '45, was killed Nov. 13, when his Navy jet plane plummeted into a swamp near Great Bridge, Va.

Lt. Kelley, who was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick J. Kelley, 389 West Third St., Mansfield, Ohio, was stationed at Oceana, Va. He was on a routine flight and was last seen at about 20,000 feet. A short time later the plane was found in a swamp.

Cause of the accident, which occurred about 11:15 a. m., was not immediately determined. Residents near the scene of the accident said they saw a plane fall and heard it explode as it hit the ground.

Born in Mansfield June 16, 1927, Lt. Kelley attended St. Peter's parochial school and Billis Prep School at Silver Springs, Md. He was graduated from the Academy at St. Joseph's.

He served for a time in the Navy, then entered the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., where he was graduated in 1951.

Alumni Hold Retreat For St. Joe Students

Two St. Joseph's alumni served as retreat masters for the annual student retreat, which was held on campus Dec. 6 to Dec. 8. Father Anthony Traser, '34, and Father Anthony Suelzer, '35, were in charge.

Fr. Traser, who is stationed in New Cumberland, Pa., has had
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Brother Cletus, '18

We Hear

from CLEVELAND, 8, Ohio

. I always look forward to CONTACT!; only please send it to my new home address 1515 Lakeside Ave. N. W., Canton 8, Ohio.

As you see, I'm still with the books for nine months out of the year, and will continue to be for a few more years. I'm studying for the Youngstown Diocese.

During the summer I was director of Camp Hildegarde, at Lake Cable near Canton. It was a pleasant surprise one morning when my old prof, Father Don Shea, showed up to say Mass for us. He invited the "kids" out to Brunnerdole for a day; so we took him up on it.

I hear regularly from classmate Bob Griglak, (Pfc.) '52, now with the army in France. He's editor of the post paper, and should be on his "grand tour" of Spain and Italy right now. He's due back in the states next March.

Eugene Weitzel, C.S.V., '49, (studying at Catholic U.) writes that he obtained his M.A. in Education from DePaul last February.

Hoping to make it back to the old olma moter for a visit ne of these years,

Robert Sabatino, ('52)

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from NEW ALBANY, Indiana

. Enclosed is the form requested of alumni for St. Joseph's College.

May I add to the "relatives who attended, etc." the statement to further August J. Kistner's (ex-'11) identity. He became ill while attending school and passed away shortly after returning home. His likeness, taken from one of his photographs, was used for the young man behind the Blessed Gaspar altar in the chapel window depicting the "offering to Melchisedec."

Frank G. Kraft, (ex-'27)

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from TIFFIN, Ohio

. With the return of my alumni questionnaire, I wish to express my appreciation for each issue of CONTACT that I have been receiving since I left St. Joseph's in the summer of 1949. In all sincerity there are few, if any, words that go unrecd by me. There is always a certain amount of wondering concerning the whereabouts, fortunes and misfortunes of your school day buddies. Being in on oreo when the number of St. Joseph alumni is very few, CONTACT! has been exactly what its name implies as far as I am concerned.

There is, however, one thing that you could do for me if the occasion presents itself. I will explain. In the November issue of CONTACT! and in the "WE HEAR" column number one item. The writer is asking for you to say oMoss for the repose of the soul of Bob Braithwaite, ('51). That particular sentence I read over and over again—trying not to believe what I had read—but there it remained as definite as could be. I would appreciate more details concerning the matter since I always had considered Bob a very wonderful guy and friend.

Robert L. Stevenson, (ex-'51)
11 Ann Street.

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Under The Colors

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c/o PM., Seattle, Wash.

Pvt. Irwin A. Staab
Co. F., 85th Inf. Regt.
10th Inf. Div.
Ft. Riley, Kansas

J. F. Kunzmann Qualified Pilot

Naval Aviation Cadet James F. Kunzmann, ex-'53, was qualified recently as a carrier pilot after six successful landings on board the USS Monterey in the Gulf of Mexico.

A son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Kunzmann of 1318 Wade St.,



Aliquippa, Pa., Kunzmann began his training at the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla. From carrier qualification, he will report to Corry Field for instrument flight training.

Upon completion of instrument training, he will report to the Chief of Naval Air Advance Training, Corpus Christi, Texas, for training in combat type aircraft. With the completion of his advanced training, Kunzmann will win his Navy Wings.

Alumni Quickies

In one stack of nineteen Alumni Questionnaires returned there were three postal workers reporting. **Justin A. Alt**, ex-'43, is a letter carrier at the Tiffin, O. office, **Ralph J. Curl**, '21, is a railway postal clerk, residing at Paris, Ill., and **Jacob J. Kramer**, '12, is a rural mail carrier at the Coldwater, O. office . . . In the same group of alumni two are tied for the most children, twelve each, and both used separate sheets for the report. **Michael E. Linehan**, ex-'31, a clerk for Huber & Huber Motor Express, lists six boys and six girls. Mike also opened a variety store, "The Linehan Shack" in 1947. **Julius Moeder**, '10, now a farmer at St. Henry, O., also lists six sons and six daughters . . . A special Thanksgiving Day program presented over radio station WGL Ft. Wayne, was prepared by **Rev. Edward I. Hession**, '35 . . . St. Joseph's alumni were very well represented when **Most Rev. Leo A. Pursley**, '21, Auxiliary Bishop of the Ft. Wayne Diocese, officiated at the laying and blessing of the cornerstone at St. John the Baptist church. He was assisted by **Rev. Victor Ranly, C.P.P.S.**, '35, as Master of Ceremonies, **Rev. James J. O'Connor**, '38, chanter, **Rev. Thomas L. Durkin**, '30, deacon, and **Rev. Robert Zahn**, '32, sub-deacon . . . **Dr. Thomas C. Burger**, '45, released from active duty with the Air Force, has resumed his private practice in Evansville, Ind. Doctor Tom is a son of **Roman J. Burger**, '14, Tiffin, O., and will begin a surgical fellowship at Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn. next April, at the same time working for his Master's degree at Minnesota Univ. . . . **Father Robert Curtis**, '25, Army chaplain Major, is home on a 30 day furlough after thirteen months service in Korea. He will be reassigned to duty in the states . . . **Pappy Robert J. Conley**, '41, Rensselaer Shell product peddler, made a dash for our office shortly after the birth of Dennis Gerard, a nine pound eleven ounce fullback, Dec. 2, to make sure that young Denny will have a place on the 1971 Puma Freshman squad. Bob claims the young man has a fullback's neck, one reason for giving him first call for that position . . . In again emphasizing how necessary it is that alumni keep us informed of any change of address, we wish to mention that in a list of the Lake County chapter alumni submitted to us by the Chaplain, **Father Joseph A. Smolar, C.P.P.S.**, '38, we found eighteen changes of address, three of which were among our "lost sheep." This was in addition to the notices that we have received from the postoffices since mailing out the questionnaires . . . **Rev. Joseph I. Hartmann**, '28, Principal of St. Mary's High School, Sandusky, O., has announced the appointment of **John E. Feicht**, '43, as head coach for the 1953-'54 basketball season . . . It appears that **Leo T. Beck**, '17, an old "maple walk" chum (from the days when students got exercise walking), may stick with the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. "L. T." joined them in July 1917 as an office worker, and has held the position of office manager of metal products sales since 1931 . . . Among St. Joe's rapidly growing group of science grads, **G. Daniel Hilker**, '51, is now an Organic Research Chemist with the Phelps Dodge Copper Products. He spent two years following graduation with the Capehart Farnsworth corporation in research work . . . After stretches of four, twenty, and four years with the National Cash Register company at Dayton, O., New York City, and Boston, Mass., **John B. Blottman**, '16, has been Branch Manager at Providence, R. I. since 1944. The Blottmans, who have six children, live at 220 Slater St., Attleboro, Mass. . . . A much more recent member of the "National Cash" family is **William J. Moran**, ex-'47, who has been with the company six years as an accounting machine salesman . . . **James R. Bogan**, '43, who went from the office of St. Joseph's College Registrar in June '53, to a position with the Brokerage firm, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Beane in Chicago, is now an account executive trainee . . . **Carl W. "Dutch" Broschart**, '10, has had a 38 year tenure with the United States Steel Corporation, Gary, now being a scheduler . . . **George J. Rick**, '24, has been an accountant with Armour & Co. since 1927 . . . Five years of military service punctuated the life of **John A. "Jack" Callahan**, ex-'44, from '42 to '47, with a degree in dentistry at St. Louis Uni. in '45 highlighting his career. He is now practicing in Peoria, Ill. with headquarters in the Medical Arts Bldg. . . . On the staff of the Socony Vacuum Oil Co. at East St. Louis, Ill., **Albert E. Prosser**, '45, an analytical chemist, lives at Belleville, Ill. . . . **Wilkie J. Chung**, '53, is attending St. Louis Univ. Medical School . . . The first alumnus to have his questionnaire filled out and returned in the mail was **Francis J. Navarre**, '25, owner of his own "Navarre Distributing Co." in Monroe, Mich. "Jim" surely must have had the information "on tap" awaiting the blank. A Notre Dame grad of '30, he was married to Miss Ruth B. McKillip, of St. Mary's of the Woods College, July 17,

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Silver Jubilee for Br. Joseph Minch

(Special to Contact)—The Feast of the Immaculate Conception was a memorable one this year for Brother Joseph Minch, C.P.P.S. It was also the Silver Jubilee of his Profession as a Religious Lay Brother in the Society of the Precious Blood.

Through the thoughtfulness of Father Joseph Sheeran, '31, chaplain at St. Bernard Hospital in Chicago, and the kindness of the Sisters and staff, the event was



appropriately celebrated. Festivities included a Solemn High Mass of thanksgiving in the hospital chapel, with Fathers Cletus Dirksen, '26, Charles Herber, '24, Joseph Otte, '32, and Fr. Sheeran filling the offices of celebrant, deacon, subdeacon and master of ceremonies, respectively.

In the middle '20's, Joseph Minch came to St. Joseph's with employment in the college powerhouse, where he had ample opportunity to apply his talents and knowledge of electricity and plumbing.

Not satisfied, however, to be on the material payroll of the college, Joseph expressed his desire to be on the spiritual payroll of the Community; he aspired to become a member of the Society under whose auspices the college operates. After due probation, he made his Religious Profession and thus became Brother Joseph Minch, C.P.P.S., on Dec. 8, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, 1928.

After his Religious Profession, Br. Joseph's employment remained the same as before, with the notable exception that it now was entirely and directly supernaturalized. As a skilled electrician Br. Joseph's 25 years of service to the college can hardly be estimated in dollars and cents. Only the records in Heaven can reveal the value of the 25 years of prayerful service.

Since Oct. 11, Brother Joseph, due to a painful leg-injury, has been a patient in St. Bernard Hospital. While we felicitate him on his Silver Jubilee, we also breathe a prayer for his speedy and complete recovery and his return to our midst. Brother Joseph: AD MULTOS ANNOS!

Columbian Players Present War Drama

The Columbian Players' 63rd season was successfully launched on Saturday and Sunday nights, Dec. 12 and 13, with the presentation of "Home of the Brave."

Playing to good crowds of Collegeville and Jasper County drama enthusiasts, the three-act comedy-drama was Director Lee O'Connell's first production at St. St. Joseph's. Mr. O'Connell was trained in dramatics at Ohio State College and Wayne University.

The famous, prize-winning Broadway play, with a war-time setting, utilized an entirely male cast. Freshman Frank DeSana of Wyandotte, Mich., was cast as Coney, in the leading role, while Senior Bob Gregoire of Danville, Ill., played the part of Mingo. Other roles were portrayed by Jack Carlson, Ed Stepan and Ed Hehda of Chicago, and Terry Flynn of Gary.

Injuries Hamper Early Season Efforts of Pumas

December 11—Since the Alumni opener, the varsity Pumas have won two and lost three basketball games, as of this writing, with the second conference game scheduled at Evansville tomorrow night.

The most recent heart-breaker resulted in a 76-60 loss to Wabash in the Collegeville fieldhouse Wednesday night. The last team to beat the Pumas at home by more than 11 points had been Valparaiso in January of 1950, when the visitors pummeled the Collegeville boys by 64-37.

Early wins in the current season were chalked up against Anderson, 77-71, and against Illinois Tech, 87-73. Losses were dealt by DePauw, 68-64, Illinois Wesleyan, 89-73, and by Wabash.

Although the Pumas' spotty beginning may be due to various causes, one of the most harassing has been that of injuries. Right now four of the players are either inactive or limited in action by leg injuries; they are Tully, O'Brien, Pilat and Merki.

"I've never had so many injuries to contend with so early in a season," says Dick Scharf. "But that's not the whole story. Truthfully, the boys haven't yet started playing up to their capabilities. We have a great potential in this year's squad; and, though it's taking us awhile to get started, I believe that by the time we get headed full-blast into the conference schedule, the Pumas will be right up there with the best."

New Dairy Barn Open for Inspection

Despite disagreeable weather during the weekend, large crowds of people visited the new dairy plant at St. Joseph's on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 5 and 6, the total number amounting to several hundred.

The plant, which was open throughout for public inspection, provided an agreeable surprise for most visitors, who came from all parts of Indiana and some from neighboring states. Many expressed the opinion that the progress exemplified in the St. Joseph's dairy is typical of that of the college itself, and that the new plant is a credit to the entire community.

The public is welcome to visit the plant at any time.

Quickies

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1931, at the Log Chapel at Notre Dame. They have two sons and two daughters . . . Furniture and appliance business has been the Main St. trade in Washington, Ind. for Thomas J. "Tim" Daily, '18, since 1935 . . . Starting as a public relations trainee with the Ball Band Co., in 1950, John W. Lynch, '50, is now a Field Manager in Sales Promotions with his chosen company at Mishawaka, Ind. . . In 1946 Ferdinand J. Kuentzel, '14, became an assistant Vice-President with the Lincoln National Bank and Trust Co., in Ft. Wayne . . . Honored as a diplomate of the American Board of Pediatrics, Paul P. Hess, ex-43, is a pediatrician at the Floyd Co. Bank Bldg. in New Albany, Ind. . . Partnership as an engineer for the P. J. Fobert Co. in Los Angeles, Calif., has taken Fred W. Ernest, '34, far from his boyhood home at Norwalk, O. The Ernsts have three daughters and two sons, and live in Santa Monica, 1720 Cloverfield St. . . Something tells us that there should be no need for Mark E. Kelly, a "magna cum laude" grad of '31, to thumb his way to Collegeville for another alumni day celebration as he did three years ago. His record as top man of ten salesmen at the Charlie Stewart, Inc. Studebaker Sales firm in Indianapolis should put him "in the driver's seat." Mark has been influencing buyers since Nov. 1952 . . . Dr. Charles M. Jessico, '26, is a physician at the Duluth Clinic, Duluth, Minn., specializing as a neurologist and psychiatrist . . . A surprise dinner was in store for Rev. Louis Duray, '31, during National Catholic Youth Week,

Past Stars Who Gleamed Again



Some of the old grads who came for the big Alumni Game Nov. 21 were able to stay over for awhile afterward to congregate at Dick Scharf's house and re-fight the battle—as well as Collegeville cage battles of years gone by, no doubt. Spirits were not visibly dampened by the defeat (85-68) at the hands of the current Pumas, and the party was a great success. In the photograph above, lower row, left to right: Joe Jansen, ex-'50, of Indianapolis; Ken Weibel, '50, Chicago; Don Tesmond, '50, now coaching in Ottawa, Ohio; William Taylor, '51, coaching at Wapakoneta, Ohio; and Ed Malone, '51, who is coaching at Hirsch High School in Chicago. Upper row: Robert Horky, '50, Chicago; Tom Hoffman, ex-'51, coaching at Ferdinand, Ind.; Gerald Garren, '51, Chicago; Wally Moore, '50, coaching at Maria Stein, Ohio; Dave Walsh, '51, Chicago; George Byerswalter, '50, Chicago; and Richard Collins, ex-'50, Chicago.—(Photos by Fr. Baird.)

Future Stars Begin to Twinkle . . .



The St. Joe student body played host one recent weekend to the twelve boys from Hoosier Town, a miniature "Boys Town" conducted by Father Michael Campagna out in the country about five miles from Dyer. Willie Kellogg, St. Joe junior and basketball star, is pictured here as he showed the Hoosier Town boys the fine points of the game. The weekend was initiated by Kellogg, quickly approved by the Student Council, and enthusiastically participated in by most of the students. The boys were brought to Collegeville in three student cars on Saturday afternoon, feted with new sweatshirts, pennants, St. Joe buttons, and all the goodies they could hold in the recreation hall. They were St. Joe's best rooters at the Illinois Tech game that night, and were taken back to Hoosier Town after dinner Sunday.

Concert Is Presented By Lillian Najarian

Miss Lillian Najarian, who is Chicago-born and Chicago-trained, widely recognized as one of the rising young stars of the American concert stage, gave a piano concert Nov. 16 in the St. Joseph's auditorium.

The diminutive artist, famous for the force and vigor of her piano interpretations, presented a program of selections from such composers as Beethoven, Chopin, Brahms and Rachmaninoff.

Piotrowski . . .

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the Non Ferrous Founders Society, the American Veterans Organization, the Knights of Columbus and the Holy Name Society, the Illinois Sheriffs' Association and the Chicago Patrolmen's Association, the Loyal Order of Moose No. 3, the Brownson Council and the Tam O'Shanter Country Club. He is on the Educational Committee of the National Foundry Association and a vice-president of both the Archbishop Weber Society and the Polish Roman Catholic Union.

as a token of appreciation for the outstanding work he has done for the C. Y. O. of Lake County, with Spiccia's Restaurant in Robertsdale getting the honor . . . Air force Chaplain, Father Herbert Renner, '41, enroute from Bryan Air Force Base, to Scott Field, Belleville, Ill., recently visited Collegeville . . . Pharmacist Harvey J. Schneider, ex-'50, assumed the position of Assistant Manager of the Standard Drug Co. in Berea, O., early this year . . . Now we have an alumnus whom we may blame when there is bad weather blowing in from the south. Vincent L. "Hickey" Kreinbrink, '32, is a forecaster for the U. S. Weather Bureau, with headquarters at the Greater Cincinnati Airport in Boone County, Ky. . . Births reported: a son, Delevan, Jr. to Mr. and Mrs. Delevan Babcock, '48, Nov. 23; a son, Thomas Joseph, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beckman, '47, Nov. 7; a son, Dennis Gerard, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Conley, Dec. 2 . . . We are indebted to Tom Scheiber, '47, for some choice bits of news of alumni in the Tiffin section of Ohio. St. Joe's former newscaster now lives at 338 Circular St. and is a member of the editorial staff of the Advertiser-Tribune . . . Joe Kukoy, '52, is assistant football and basketball coach at Calvert High, Tiffin. The football team just came through an 8-1 season and the city championship . . . Bill Ferguson, '52, is doing a fine job at Lima, St. Rose High. Bill had to taste defeat from another Puma '52 letterman when he met a 14-0 reverse at the hands of Calvert High of Tiffin where Joe Kukoy is assistant. It was the second defeat for the Lima crew. It is our guess that the former Puma star grizzer will have some nice medicine cooked up when he meets the Senecas in basketball though.

"Good Neighbors" Meet at St. Joseph's



Guess which of these spectators at the St. Joe-Wabash basketball game (photo below) is president of winning Wabash! That's right; Dr. Frank Sparks is the happy one. To his left, in order, are: Congressman Charles A. Halleck, a native of Rensselaer and long-time friend of St. Joseph's; Father Gross, St. Joseph's president; and Bishop John G. Bennett of the Lafayette diocese, in which St. Joseph's is located. At Dr. Sparks' right is Father John M. Lefko, director of the St. Joseph's College Foundation. The upper photo shows the same "Good Neighbors" just after the banquet (see front page story) and before leaving for the game.—(Photo by Fr. Baird.)



Nineteen Schools Use Campus for Interracial Meet

Approximately 85 representatives from 19 schools attended the Interracial Collegiate Conference held at St. Joseph's on Nov. 21 and 22. The conference was sponsored by the Collegiate Program Committee of the Catholic Interracial Council of Chicago.

Acting as hosts for the conference was the Interracial Council here at St. Joseph's. Bob Lenzini of Leigler, Ill., heads the council; other members are William Dunn of Logansport, Ind., and John Miller of Oak Park, Ill.

The conference was addressed by St. Joseph's president, Father Gross, after a welcoming talk by Hugh McAvoy, president of the Student Council. Other speakers included the Rev. Louis J. Putz of the University of Notre Dame, and Lloyd Davis, executive secretary of the Catholic Interracial Council of Chicago.

Schools attending the conference were Barret College, Northwestern University, DePaul University, Mundelein College, Rosary College, Edgewood College, Josephinum High School and Marquette University.

Also, St. Xavier College, Forner Institute, University of Notre Dame, University of Illinois at Navy Pier, Loyola University, College of St. Francis, Alverno College, St. Procopius College, Lewis College, Wright College and St. Mary's of Notre Dame.

Good Neighbors . . .

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Halleck, himself a native of Rensselaer, outlined the tremendous advantages to Jasper County in having a college of St. Joseph's caliber located here. Mr. Halleck emphasized the importance of independent colleges' remaining independent. The American way of life, he said, will never be forgotten in such colleges as St. Joseph's.

Dr. Sparks, too, stressed the importance of the independent college and outlined the reasons why such schools all over the country are having increasing difficulty in making financial ends meet. A pioneer in obtaining the help of industrial organizations for this purpose, Dr. Sparks is known throughout the United States for his work.

Father Gross, whose talk brought the banquet to a close, traced the history of the college and explained the vital work of St. Joseph's in training good, Christian leaders for tomorrow. The further expansion of St. Joseph's is necessary, he made clear, if this work is to keep pace with the expanding need.

The Rev. John M. Lefko, director of the St. Joseph's College Foundation, acted as master-of-ceremonies.

A short but lively program of songs was furnished by the St. Joseph's Glee Club, and a student orchestra played popular melodies during the dinner. Following the banquet, the guests and faculty attended the Wabash-St. Joseph's basketball game in the Collegeville fieldhouse.

Glee Club Entertains At Bears-Cards Game

The enviable reputation of the St. Joseph's Glee Club was still further enhanced Sunday afternoon, Dec. 13, when the Collegeville group sang at the televised Bears-Cardinals game in Wrigley Field.

At one o'clock, just previous to the kick-off, the Glee Club sang a medley of Christmas melodies and the Chicago Bears Song. Again at half-time, from the field before the introduction of visiting celebrities, the group presented a medley and the Bears Song.

The Glee Club was directed by Father Lawrence Heiman.

Commerce Club Hears Stodola

Frank Stodola, '44, a Whiting attorney, addressed the Commerce Club at St. Joseph's on Nov. 30, on the subject, "So You Want to Be a Lawyer."

On Dec. 8, the club made a field trip to the Standard Oil Company in Whiting.

The Commerce Club has set a goal of one field trip each semester, as well as presenting speakers at regularly scheduled meetings, to show the job opportunities available in the business and professional world.

Bernie Boff, senior and Puma basketball star from Defiance, Ohio, is president of the organization.

Alumni Hear Bishop Arnold Reminisce on Old St. Joe Days

Dayton, O. (Special to Contact)

Priests of the Dayton area who have been students at one time or another at Collegeville were given the opportunity of a very interesting meeting with one of the

best known and most unique figures among the alumni of the College. On the afternoon of Oct. 8, the Most Rev. William Arnold, of the military ordinate, administered the sacrament of Confirmation to a group of 47 candidates in the post Chapel of the wide-spreading Wright-Patterson Air Base.

In a brief talk at the dinner afterwards, at which the friendly chaplains at the base hosted the many clergy assisting at these brief but beautiful ceremonies of Confirmation, the congenial and very approachable bishop fell to reminiscing, as he aptly said old men are wont to do. From these reminiscences there could be gleaned such interesting items as the fact that he is a native Hoosier and still anxious to be known as that; that the Fathers of the Precious Blood had contributed greatly to his upbringing in his early and impressionable years at Rensselaer; that he was informed at eleven o'clock at night that the Apostolic Delegate had special plans in mind for him for the military ordinate from the office of Cardinal Spellman.

Among the priests in attendance at the ceremony, one could identify such names as Father Francis Kuenle, the pastor of St. Anthony parish in Dayton, who attended the College at the same time as did Bishop Arnold, Father Paul Fogarty, the pastor of St. Rita parish in Dayton, who was the deacon at the Confirmation ceremony, and numerous priests of the Society of the Precious Blood.

This two-star general, a hearty-looking man in spite of his 73 years, is head of the spiritual services of the Armed Forces, representing the Holy See. Bishop Arnold, a figure unique in the hierarchy of this country and probably of the entire world (one other priest shares the duties of the military ordinate, William Griffin), demonstrates a warm-hearted interest in the many peoples who go to make up the Armed Forces in the far-flung installations of the United States.

St Joseph's Faculty Largest Ever With 11 New Instructors this Year

The addition this semester of eleven instructors brought the St. Joseph's faculty to record proportions for the 1953-54 school year. The 56 teachers and eight other members of the administrative staff comprise the largest faculty in the history of the school.

Besides Joe Pawlowski, new football coach, and Randy Decker, director of the News Bureau and instructor in Journalism and Technical Writing, both of whom have already been introduced via these columns, the new faculty members are:

John D. Angus, instructor in Sociology, was born in Merrill, Wis. He received his A.B. degree in Sociology from Notre Dame University in 1952, and his M.A. degree in 1953. While at Notre Dame he participated, as a research assistant, in the Social Science and Foreign Affairs Project.

The Rev. Donald L. Ballman has been appointed part-time instructor in Philosophy, while completing geological studies at St. Joseph's. Father Ballman was recently ordained at Carthage, Ohio, after studying at St. Charles Seminary and here at St. Joseph's.

David W. Champlin, a native of Chicago, is a new instructor in Speech and English. Mr. Champlin received his A.B. degree from St. Louis University in 1937, and his M.A. degree from Columbia University in 1947. A veteran radio writer, director and announcer, he comes here from the faculty of Fordham University.

Michael A. Gomez has been named as instructor in Economics. Mr. Gomez, a native of New Orleans, La., received his B.S. degree in Economics from Louisiana State University.

Paul J. Kiley, instructor in English, received his A.B. degree from Boston College in 1932, and his M.A. degree from the University of Notre Dame in 1948. He has taught at the Divine Heart Seminary in Donaldson, Ind., and at the University of Notre Dame.

Richard L. Kilmer, instructor in History, received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of Notre Dame, and expects to receive his Ph.D. degree from the same school in 1954. Mr. Kilmer served as a special assistant to President Dwight D. Eisenhower during the political campaign of 1952.

The Rev. William Kramer has been appointed instructor in Chemistry. Father Kramer has studied at St. Joseph's, at St. Charles Seminary, and the University of Fribourg in Switzerland.

Lee J. O'Connell, Speech and Dramatics teacher, is a native of Oakland, Cal. He received his A.B. and M.A. degrees from Wayne University. Mr. O'Connell who will also direct the Columbian Players, has taught Debating at Wayne University and Speech at Hibbing Junior College.

The Rev. Paul R. White, a former St. Joseph's student, has been named part-time instructor in Philosophy while doing further studying here. He was ordained at St. Charles Seminary in June of this year.

Music Festival Attracts Crowd

Three St. Joseph's College musical organization combined talents to present the annual Christmas Music Festival before a capacity audience in the College Theatre on Monday night, Dec. 14. The College Glee Club, the Band, and the St. Joseph's Choir were directed by Father Lawrence Heiman and Father Clement Kuhns.

Hold Retreat . . .

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more than ten years experience in missionary work. Fr. Suelzer, an assistant at Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish in Hammond, Ind., had already conducted a successful retreat here, for the freshmen during their orientation week last September.

We Hear . . .

from CAMP CARSON, Colorado

..... Was very glad to hear of the many activities and news of St. Joe through CONTACT!. It came home and then the folks sent it to me today.

Was very proud to read that St. Joe is planning an expansion program for student housing. I just hope that there will be a room open for me when I get out of service and go back to St. Joe.

We have been doing much in the line of field work this past month. We travel to the field (25 miles out) on Wednesday and return Friday.

I am now Asst. Motor Sgt. which is a better position than I had previously.

Give my regards to the many friends, students and faculty of St. Joe.

Pfc. Thomas F. O'Rourke, (ex-'52)
Co. A., 11th Armd. Cav. Regt.